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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please change the paragraph [0006] on page 2 as follows:

One alternative to the present invention where a single host adapter does support more than one N\_Port ID is to require the adapter to de-register one of its N\_Port\_IDs from the fabric name-server database. This alternative would require the fabric to provide a name-server which communicates with the fabric F\_Port in order to notify the fabric that the N\_Port ID had been removed. Requiring the presence of a name server function in the fabric is costly and it requires communication code within the Fibre Channel. ~~within the Fibre Channel~~